

SECURITY INFORMATION

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REMARKS: An excerpt of the report was previously disseminated in [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] 1. The following columns were observed in Gotha:

At 4:30 a.m. on 3 February: about 10 trucks including 4 towing a light AT gun toward Eisenach.

At 6 a.m.: about 15 trucks including 4 towing a field kitchen toward Eisenach. The trucks carried boxes, billeting equipment, luggage, and soldiers.

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At 3:30 p.m. on 6 February: about 10 trucks with baggage and billeting equipment [REDACTED] and three trucks with a field kitchen and 1 tank truck came from the direction of Eisenach.

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At 3:45 p.m.: four trucks towing AT guns of about 57-mm caliber and carrying 9 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full pack, [REDACTED] from the direction of Eisenach.

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At 5 p.m.: a truck column from the direction of Eisenach of which only [REDACTED] a light AA gun was determined. 1

- [REDACTED] 2. At 11:25 a.m. on 11 February, [REDACTED] a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets moved to the Kindel troop training grounds. Adjustment fire with artillery pieces was heard in the afternoon. An acquaintance of source stated that the troops fired with three guns. The practice stopped at 5:25 p.m. An artillery piece of about 122-mm caliber was determined from a distance of about 200 meters. No firing practice was conducted on 12 February. Trucks [REDACTED] were loaded with packages and folded carpets at the main railroad station of Eisenach and subsequently left toward Kindel. The camp was still occupied by a guard detail prior to 12 February. 2

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3. Source learned that troops from the Luebben military post moved out on 9 February. Artillery pieces of various caliber were detrained in Luebben on 17 February. ³ An acquaintance of source stated that numerous tanks were detrained in Jamlitz during the week until 15 February. ⁴

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1. Comment. It is believed that most of the vehicles that passed through Göttha on the two days of observation belonged to units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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2. Comment. Same source reported only a guard detail at Kindel until 10 February. If the calibers are correct, the artillery pieces adjusted on 11 February belong to the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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3. Comment. Another source observed large troop movements from Cottbus to Welzow on 12 and 13 February, which were probably made by units of the 9th Mecz Div. It is possible that elements of the division from Luebben also participated in these movements which are believed to have enclosed field exercises.

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4. Comment. Jamlitz railroad station is located in the area of Lieberose troop training grounds. As elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned to Iuerstenwalde from Lieberose on 6 February, it is plausible that, subsequently, other units of the division moved to Lieberose for short-term practices.

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